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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR WORK WITH EACH CASINO-OPERATING
TRIBE TO RENEGOTIATE THE INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS TO REMIT
COMPULSIVE GAMBLER PROGRAM FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

WHEREAS, state law and the 2001 gaming compacts the
state signed with eleven of New Mexico's thirteen
casino-operating tribes require that casinos set aside
one-fourth percent of their slot machine net profits for
compulsive gambler programs; and

WHEREAS, according to the gaming control board, casinos
set aside nearly two hundred eighty thousand dollars
(\$280,000) for compulsive gambler programs in the third
quarter of 2003; however, the compacts do not require public
disclosure of how the tribes spend their compulsive gambler
program funds; and

WHEREAS, under the current system, the public has no way
of ensuring that compulsive gambler program funds are being
put to the best use and that the providers and clinicians
receiving the funds are qualified to treat gambling addicts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor renegotiate the Indian
gaming compacts to allow the department of health to
distribute compulsive gambler program funds to appropriate
treatment providers or clinicians; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the department of health and the gaming control board. _____